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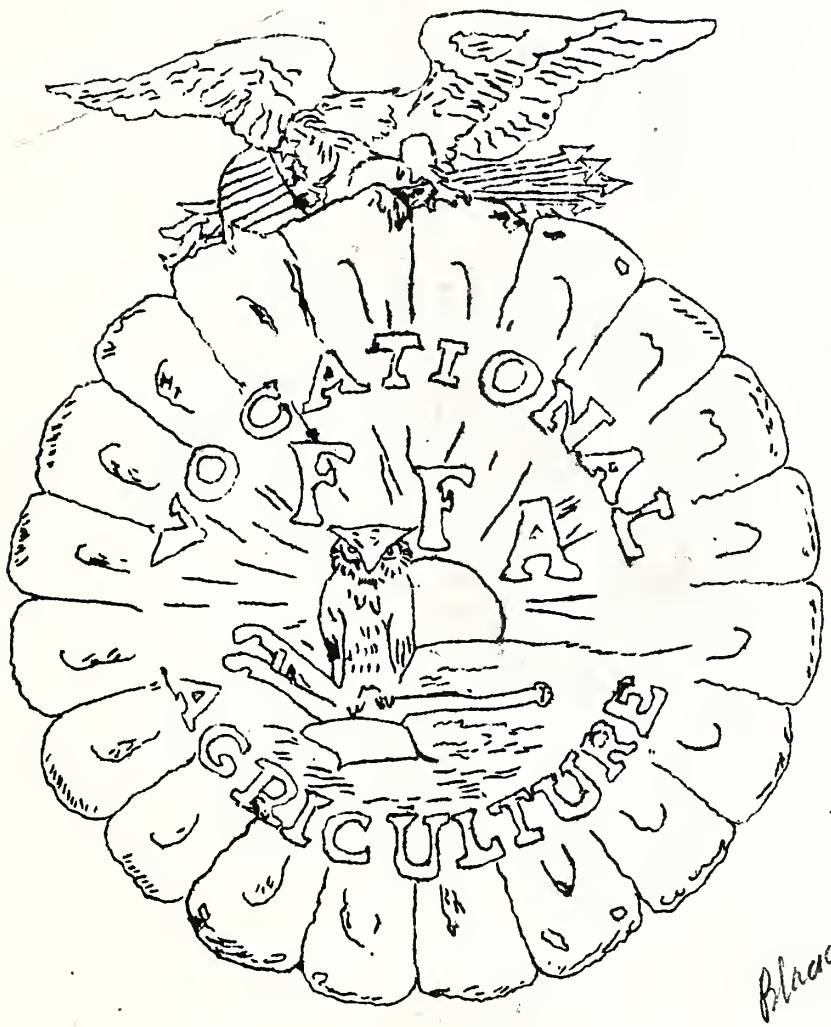
SECOND ANNUAL CONGRESS

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



Blackburn, Sec.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

November 18,19,20,1929

State	1st Delegate	2nd Delegate	In Charge of
Arkansas	Carldon Patton	Jesse Woodward	R. B. Smith
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Colorado	Dan Godsey		
Connecticut			
Delaware			
Florida	Gray Miley	Donald Davidson	T. A. Treadwell, Coach
Georgia	Billy Howdoin	Albert Sosebee	Paul W. Chapman
Hawaii			
Idaho	Harry Wellhousen	Marlow Wootton	William Kerr
Illinois	Elmer Williams	Edwin Johnson	J. E. Hill
Indiana	William Showalter	Orval Ummel	W. A. Smith
Iowa	Bryce Tucker	Loyal Lowman	Mr. Hall
Kansas	Boyd Waite	Elwyn Ruefner	Lester B. Pollom
Kentucky	Jack Tucker	William Cash	Geo. C. LeHon
Louisiana	Eric Gilbeau	Guy Luno	J. G. Lee
Maine			
Maryland			
Massachusetts			
Michigan	Harry Gibson	Keith Tanner	E. E. Gallup
Minnesota			
Mississippi			
Missouri	Paul Zillman	Leslie Fry	Guy E. James
Montana			
Nebraska	Justin Hearne	Irvin Walker	
Nevada	Chester Jacobson	Cannon Gardner	R. B. Jeppson
New Hampshire			
New Jersey	Leslie Applegate	Philip Alampi	H. O. Sampson
New Mexico	Walter Bambert	Ernest Brookreson	Paul W. Brown, Coach
New York	Howard Hill	Charles Pinkney	W. J. Weaver
North Carolina	Wade Turner	Walter Davis	Roy H. Thomas
North Dakota	Percival Larson	Maynard Sholts	L. L. Scranton
Ohio	Ralph Bender	Elton Rhoads	Ray Fife
Oklahoma	Edward Berry	Jewell Biswell	F. B. Nelms
Oregon	Philip Miller	Allen Yost	O. I. Paulson
Pennsylvania	Ralph Fritz	James Efton	J. B. Champion
Rhode Island			
South Carolina			
South Dakota	Burdette Sheldon		
Tennessee	Kenneth McPherson	Donald Moore	W. B. Lollis
Texas	E. J. Hughes	Robert Gardner	J. B. Rutland
Utah	Jay Winkleman	Vernon Price	Verdo Oberhausley
Vermont			
Virginia	Edward Burford	T. F. Kidd, Jr.	Henry S. Groseclose
Washington			
West Virginia	R. Riley	Bernard Albaugh	R. W. Cline
Wisconsin			
Wyoming	Cleo Moreland	Lloyd Watson	C. G. Howard

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M E M O R A N D U M

The Second Annual Congress of Future Farmers of America was held at Kansas City, Missouri, November 18, 19, 20, 1929.

Those in attendance included regularly qualified delegates from thirty-three state organizations, visiting Future Farmers, state directors, state supervisors, teacher trainers, and instructors in Vocational Agriculture. The entire roll of those in attendance is too long to be included in this report. The delegates, directors, supervisors and teacher trainers are listed, however. The program which had been planned was carried out to the letter. General meetings of Future Farmers were held in the Baltimore Hotel. In addition to these general meetings there were meetings of the state advisers, and of the national board of trustees. It is not possible to include the proceedings of all of these meetings in the minutes. The main events are included, but it has been found necessary to cut down materially on such things as reports of progress by states, and the like.

Two or three copies of this document are being sent out to each state with the hope that the state adviser or some one else interested in the organization will have this material mimeographed and at least one copy supplied to each chapter in each state affiliated with the national organization known as the Future Farmers of America.

Official Delegates - Second Annual Congress

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Georgia	Billy Bowdoin	Albert Sosebee	Paul W.Chapman
Hawaii			
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Illinois	Elmer Williams	Edwin Johnson	J.E.Hill
Indiana	William Showalter	Orval Ummel	W.A.Smith
Iowa	Bryce Tucker	Loyal Lowman	Mr.Hall
Kansas	Boyd Waite	Elwyn Ruefner	Lester B. Pollom
Kentucky	Jack Tucker	William Cash	Geo.C.LeHon
Louisiana	Eric Gilbeau	Guy Luno	J.G.Lee
Maine			
Maryland			
Massachusetts			
Michigan	Harry Gibson	Keith Tanner	E.E.Gallup
Minnesota			
Mississippi			
Missouri	Paul Zillman	Leslie Fry	Guy E. James
Montana			
Nebraska	Justin Hearne	Irvin Walker	
Nevada	Chester Jacboson	Cannon Gardner	R.B.Jeppson
New Hampshire			
New Jersey	Leslie Applegate	Philip Alampi	H.O.Sampson
New Mexico	Walter Bambert	Ernest Brookreson	Paul W.Brown,Coach
New York	Howard Hill	Charles Pinkney	W.J.Weaver
North Carolina	Wade Turner	Walter Davis	Roy H. Thomas
North Dakota	Percival Larson	Maynard Sholts	L.L.Scranton
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Oklahoma	Edward Berry	Jewell Biswell	E.B.Nelms
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Pennsylvania	Ralph Fritz	James Efton	J.S.Champion
Rhode Island			
South Carolina			
South Dakota	Burdette Sheldon		
Tennessee	Kenneth McPherson	Donald Moore	W.B.Lollis
Texas	E.J.Hughes	Robert Gardner	J.B.Rutland
Utah	Jay Winkleman	Vernon Price	Verde Oberhausley
Vermont			
Virginia	Edward Burford	T.F.Kidd,Jr.	Henry C.Groseclose
Washington			
West Virginia	R.Riley	Bernard Albaugh	R.W.Cline
Wisconsin			
Wyoming	Cleo Moreland	Lloyd Watson	C.G.Howard

Directors, State Supervisors and Teacher Trainers Attending
Second National Congress of Future Farmers of America at Kansas City, Mo.
November 18 - 20, 1929

Name	Title	Address	
Dr. C. H. Lane	Chief Agricultural Education	Washington,	D. C.
J. A. Linke	Regional Agent	"	" "
R. D. Maltby	" "	"	" "
W. A. Ross	Special Agent	"	" "
Henry C. Groseclose	Executive Secretary, F.F.A.		Virginia
Leslie Applegate	National President, F. F. A.		New Jersey
J. E. Hill	Supervisor		Illinois
H. Hall	Assistant Supervisor		Iowa
Leroy Clements	Supervisor		Nebraska
E. E. Gallup	Supervisor		Michigan
C. M. Miller	Director		Kansas
L. B. Pollom	"		"
L. F. Hall	Teacher Trainer		"
Sherman Dickinson	" "		Missouri
G. J. Dippold	" "		"
Guy E. James	Supervisor		"
C. L. Angerer	"		"
George W. Reavis	State Director		"
W. M. Kerr	" "		Idaho
C. G. Howard	Supervisor		Wyoming
H. O. Sampson	"		New Jersey
J. D. Blackwell	Director		Maryland
Roy Thomas	Supervisor		N.Carolina
Paul Chapman	Director		Georgia
J. S. Champion	Supervisor		Penna
J. G. Lee	Teacher Trainer		Louisiana
R. B. Smith	Supervisor		Arkansas
E. B. Nelms	"		Oklahoma
J. B. Rutland	"		Texas
A. P. Davidson	Teacher Trainer		Kansas

SECOND ANNUAL CONGRESS OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
(Headquarters, Baltimore Hotel)

November 18th,19th,20th - 1929

- Program -

Monday, November 18th -	2:00 P.M.	Meeting of State Advisers
	5:00 P.M.	Meeting National Board of Trustees
	7:30 P.M.	Meeting Future Farmers of America (1) Call to order by President (2) Report of Credentials Committee (3) Nominations for American Farmer Degree Dr. C. H. Lane (4) Response by candidates - one minute speeches (5) Appointment of committees
Tuesday,November 19th -	9:00 A.M.	Meeting Future Farmers of America - Baltimore Hotel (1) Reports of Work in States, including work of outstanding chapter - Delegates (2) Report of Executive Secretary (3) Report of Committee on Program of Work (4) Report of Auditing Committee (5) Report of Nominating Committee (6) How to Succeed in Future Farmer Work - H. C. Sampson (7) Election of American Farmers
	2:00 P.M.	Address - Member Federal Board Election and Installation of National Officers New Business
	6:00 P.M.	Buffet Supper
	8:00 P.M.	Parade in arena and radio broadcasting of winners of Kansas City Star and Farm Journal Contests
Wednesday,November 20th -	9:00 A.M.	Meeting New Board of Trustees Sightseeing Tour Kansas City
	6:30 P.M.	Banquet for teams, coaches, delegates and guests. Award of judging prizes. Award of keys.

Monday November 18

2:00 P.M. ---------- MEETING OF STATE ADVISERS ----------

Dr. C.H.Lane,National Adviser,presiding

1. Dr. Lane stated in opening the meeting that State Advisers have a wonderful opportunity to influence the boys for good. He warned against petty politics in the national and state organizations.

2. Mr. Paul W. Chapman of Georgia moved that the State Directors and Supervisors approve the Bill to incorporate the Future Farmers of America (Senate Bill Number 2113). Motion seconded by Guy E. James of Missouri. Motion carried unanimously and Dr. Lane and Mr.Groseclose were authorized to bring this matter to the attention of the committees in Congress.

3. The manual of the Future Farmers of America came up for discussion. The manual committee (Mr. Chapman, Mr. Sampson, and Mr. Kerr) was requested to incorporate the ritualistic work in the manual. The committee was to have the manual printed free if possible, but not by commercial firms except as a last resort.

4. Mr. Weaver of New York moved that the committee to revise the constitution make provision for flexibility as to the name of the third degree members. Motion carried.

5. Mr. Gallup of Michigan moved that the State Advisers commend the Board of Editors of the Agricultural Education Magazine for their support of the Future Farmers of America, and urge them to continue this good policy this year.

6. Motion by Mr. Nelms of Oklahoma that a committee be appointed to consider the feasibility of publishing a Future Farmer Magazine. Motion seconded and carried. (No committee was appointed.)

7. Motion by Mr. James of Missouri that the advisers recommend to the committee on the constitution that high school graduates be entitled to compete for the American Farmer degree until after the annual national congress following their graduation from high school. Motion carried and matter referred to committee on the constitution.

8. Motion by Mr. Oberhausley of Utah that we not limit the number of American Farmer degree candidates on the percentage basis. Motion seconded. Lost.

9. Motion by Mr. Jeppson of Nevada that qualifications for third degree candidates be changed from a percentage basis to a performance basis. Motion lost.

10. The matter of the administration of the Future Farmers of America was taken up and there was some discussion as to whether a half-time secretary should be employed as set up in the proposed budget or whether the Federal Board for Vocational Education should take over the duties of this officer. It was recommended that a committee of four men, one from each administrative region be appointed to meet with Dr. Lane at New Orleans, and make some recommendation to the third annual congress.

This matter was brought to the attention of the

Monday November 18, cont.

6:15 P.M. ---------- MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES ----------

Call to order by President Applegate

Those present:

Dr. C. H. Lane
Henry C. Groseclose
Leslie Applegate
Alvin Reimer
Don Godsey

Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept credentials of the twenty-nine candidates as presented by National Adviser.

Other credentials discussed and motions carried as follows:

1. Pennsylvania - Not in on time and no state convention.
2. North Carolina - Paid dues for four. Applied this year for three boys. Accepted.
3. South Dakota - Late report.
4. North Dakota - Late report.
5. Wisconsin - Late report.
6. Georgia - Three applications. Dues paid for one. Voted to accept the Georgia boy with highest credentials.
7. Missouri - Late report.
8. Ohio - Two applications. Dues paid for one. Voted to accept as Georgia.
9. Tennessee - Five applications. Dues for two already passed on in first twenty-nine.

Executive Secretary authorized by carried motion to instruct the above states of their lacking points to qualify their applicants.

Motion made, seconded, and carried not to cut in on the constitution in regard to the qualifications for the American Farmer degree.

Meeting adjourned for lack of time

7:30 P.M. ---------- GENERAL MEETING FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA ----------

Call to order by President Applegate
Roll call by Secretary Godsey - fifty-six official delegates present.

Minutes of first annual congress read by Secretary Godsey. Minutes approved as read.

Nominations for American Farmer Degree by Dr. C. H. Lane, briefs of credentials read by him, and one minute talks by candidates.

1. Carldon Patton - Arkansas
2. T. F. Kidd, Jr. - Virginia
3. R. B. Storey, Jr. - Virginia
   Explanation by Henry C. Groseclose
4. Jesse Woodward - Arkansas

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---------- GENERAL MEETING FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA cont. ----------

5. Boyd Waite - Kansas
6. Hershel Hocker - Ohio
7. Philip Alampi - New Jersey
8. Edward Burford - Virginia
9. Elmer Williams - Illinois
10. Howard Hill - New York
11. Lowell Edington - California
12. Jewel Biswell - Oklahoma
13. Oscar Schieni - Missouri
14. Charles Pinkney - New York
15. Paul Zillman - Missouri
16. Albert Sosebee - Georgia
17. Horace Smith - Tennessee
18. Bryce Tucker - Iowa
Delayed in journey
19. Jay Winkleman - Utah
20. Edwin Johnson - Illinois
21. Alvin Reimer - Nebraska
22. Don Godsey - Colorado
23. Gray Miley - Florida
24. Wade Turner - North Carolina
25. Lynn Peak - Tennessee
Another delegate answered for him.
26. Harry Wellhausen - Idaho
27. Ronald Ford - Oklahoma
28. Burnell Banks - North Carolina
Reply by Thomas - State Supervisor
29. Forest Hunt - North Carolina
Reply by Thomas - State Supervisor

Motion made, seconded, and carried to cast unanimous vote for above twenty-nine nominees.

Resolution Committee appointed by President Applegate with H. O. Sampson, Chairman. Arrangement of Committee meeting time.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to award the following with honorary American Farmer Degree keys:

Dr. C. H. Lane, National Adviser
Henry C. Groseclose, Executive Secretary
H. O. Sampson, Adviser in New Jersey
W. S. Newman, Adviser in Virginia

Announcement of meeting the following morning

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Tuesday November 19

9:45 A.M. ---------- GENERAL MEETING FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA ----------

Called to order by President Applegate

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---------- GENERAL MEETING FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA cont. ----------

Report of state work as follows (x indicates complete official report)

Arkansas x
Arizona
California
Colorado
Florida x
Georgia x
Illinois x
Indiana x
Iowa x

A short period of recreational singing and yelling was held

Reports followed:

Kansas x
Idaho x
Maryland x
Michigan x
Missouri x
Nebraska x
Nevada x
New Jersey x
New York x
North Carolina x
North Dakota x

Report of Outstanding Chapters from states as follows:
(x indicates complete official report)

Arkansas x
Illinois x
Louisiana x
Idaho x
Missouri x
Nebraska x
Nevada x
New Jersey x
North Dakota x

Interruption of reports for lack of time.

Report of Committee on Program of Work by Chairman ~~Philip Alampi of New Jersey~~ Raymond Shores of Arkansas.

The Committee has set the following goals to be accomplished by the National Chapter of F. F. A. during the school year 1929 - 1930

1. Encourage and help unorganized and recently organized States perfect state organizations.

2. Have every state in the union become affiliated with the National Chapter of F.F.A. and charters be granted to them.

3. Encourage and promote a national ~~oratorical~~ public speaking contest at the annual congress of Future Farmers.

17. finance the sending of the winning judging team at the American Royal to the Royal Livestock Show in London in 1931.

18. Provide for a suitable trip (Caribbean, Havana etc.) for the Star American Farmer, the winner of the public speaking contest and the adviser who wins the state organization contest.

19. Conduct a "Future Farmer song" contest and provide a suitable reward ~~that will~~ for the winner of the contest.

20. Have 100% of state associations represented at the 4th Annual congress.

21. Have 100% of the delegations to the 4th Annual congress in uniform.

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Report of Committee on Program of Work cont.

4. Encourage and foster national judging contests, such as dairy, fat stock, poultry, fruit, and grain.

5. Encourage each state to publish a periodical and exchange these with other states. These should be published at least quarterly.

~~6. Work out a ritual for use in local, state and national chapters, and have the Executive Secretary send such information out.~~

7. Provide through the National Congress of Vocational Agricultural Students larger opportunities for the development of leadership and for giving national recognition to the outstanding achievements of the Future Farmers of the different states according to the qualifications set up in the constitution.

8. Have at least 85% of state chapters with thrift clubs.

9. Provide, through the National Congress of Vocational Agricultural Students, awards and prizes to be awarded at the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show for work in vocational agriculture.

10. Encourage and foster within the state chapters interscholastic athletic contests.

11. ~~Publish a national hand book.~~ Revise and reprint the future farmer manual.

12. Encourage each state to stage cooperative movements among its local chapters. (Buy, sell or ship.)

13. Encourage all the state chapters to have state exhibits at the different National Judging contests, and American Royal Livestock and Horse Show.

14. Each state should provide some state-wide recreational activity. (camp- banquets, farm tours, and the like)

15. Have each state chapter foster a movement whereby all vocational agriculture students make it their duty to help better the conditions around the farm and make life easier & more enjoyable for the mothers of future farmers.

16. Have at least 20 outstanding candidates for the American Farmer degree from the various states at the ~~Third~~ 4th Annual Congress in November 1931.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept above report as stated.

Report of Resolutions Committee by Howard Hill of New York

We, the Future Farmers of America, assembled in our Second Annual Congress wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following individuals and organizations who have helped us in making our meeting a success:

American Royal Livestock Association
Kansas City, Kansas, Chamber of Commerce
Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce
Kansas City Weekly Star

421.75
831.81
1253.56

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Report of Resolutions Committee cont.

Kansas City Journal Post
Farm Journal
Bell Telephone Company
Ford Motor Company
Sears, Roebuck Company
Armour and Company
Kansas City Public Service Company
Hotel Baltimore
Dr. C. H. Lane
Mr. Henry C. Groseclose
Mr. R. L. Cuff - (~~Member of Farm Board~~) Mo.

We also wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to the State Advisers who met in special session yesterday and formulated suggestions for the good of the organization to be passed on by the board of trustees.

------- Lowell Edington ----- Cleo Moreland ------ Howard J. Hill -----

Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept above report as stated.

Report of Auditing Committee by Chairman Gray Miley of Florida

The Auditing Committee, having examined the accounts of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, begs to report as follows:

1. The accounts are neatly and accurately kept. The ledger is in good shape; bank deposits are vouched for by statements from the bank and by deposit books and deposit slips. The check book has stubs showing all expenditures and the cancelled checks were kept as receipts as well as bills marked paid.

2. Owing to a mistake in addition, the Secretary-Treasurer had made an error of eighteen dollars in favor of the Future Farmers. He had given his personal check for this amount to the organization to make his books balance. The committee found the error and reimbursed the Executive Secretary-Treasurer to the amount of eighteen dollars.

3. The financial statement as of November 13, 1929 is as follows:

Debits:

Charter fees (34 @ $5.00)	$170.00
Dues paid to date	$1566.70
Refund on jewelry (Balfour)	$91.46
Total receipts	$1828.16

Credits:

Expenditures (checks 1 - 16 inclusive)	$566.60
Balance (First & Merchants National Bank, Richmond, Va.)	$429.75
Balance (National Bank of Blacksburg)	$831.81
	$1828.16

Cash blance in banks	$1261.56
Bills payable	$56.95
	$1204.61

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Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept preceding report as stated

Report of Nominating Committee by Chairman Eric Gilbeau of Louisiana

The following officers were nominated for the year 1929-30 -

Wade Turner, Lillington, North Carolina ---------- President
Charles Pinkney, Webster, New York ---------- First Vice-President
Harry Wellhousen, Twin Falls, Idaho --------- Second " "
Gray Miley, Plant City, Florida ---------- Third " "
Boyd Waite, Winfield, Kansas ---------- Fourth " "
Paul Zillman, Salisbury, Missouri ---------- Student Secretary
Dr. C.H. Lane, Washington, D.C. ---------- National Adviser
Henry C. Groseclose, Blacksburg, Virginia --- Executive Sec.-Treas.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept above report as stated.

Call for other nominations

Motion made and seconded to hold nominations open until afternoon meeting

Vote taken. So close that a counting vote was called for

Motion carried 23 - 21

Report of Executive Secretary-Treasurer Henry C. Groseclose:

During the first twelve months of the life of the Future Farmers organization thirty-five state organizations have affiliated themselves with the Future Farmers of America. Several other states have organized and are contemplating affiliation within the next few months. The geographical scope of the organization can be visualized to some extent when I tell you that a glance at a map of the United States shows such states as New Jersey and Oregon members of this young Future Farmer movement. Boys from California and South Carolina meet here at the national congress and discuss problems in common. Boys from New York state and boys from Florida are here as qualified delegates representing their state organizations.

This report is supposed to be a summarization of the annual reports from chartered states. Unfortunately all states have not sent in annual reports. The totals, therefore, will be lower than the actual numbers in all cases.

The following states have affiliated themselves with the national organization:

Virginia, Arkansas, New Jersey, California, South Carolina, Nebraska Oklahoma, Wyoming, Maryland, Georgia, Nevada, West Virginia, the Territory of Hawaii, Ohio, Colorado, Kansas, Idaho, North Carolina, Indiana, Utah, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, New York, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Missouri, Michigan, North Dakota, Florida, South Dakota, Arizona, Texas and Oregon.

Tuesday November 19 cont.

From the few annual reports that I have received from states I gather that there are approximately 1500 chapters of Future Farmers in America. The reports that I have received indicate only 1118, but these represent only about 55% of the states. Twenty states report 19,353 members. This would indicate that the membership is now approximately 30,000. This membership will be materially increased during the current school year. I say this because supervisors of agricultural education are constantly writing me and reporting increases in membership. The State of Illinois, alone, will have a paid up membership of 4,000 this year. The growth of the organization has been very gratifying during the first twelve months of its existence.

The fact that there has been such a tremendous growth shows that there was a need for such an organization. I have letters on file from state directors, state supervisors, teacher trainers, instructors and students of vocational agriculture certifying to the worth-whileness of the Future Farmer movement. Some men of good judgment go so far as to say that this organization is doing more to motivate good work on the part of students and teachers than any other device that we now have. There is a tremendous amount of enthusiasm in the United States which is being crystallized and used through the directed activities of the Future Farmers of America.

Only six states report regarding thrift work in chapters. These states, however, report $303,066.19 in savings accounts, $362,715.15 invested in farming, $117,567.84 invested in stocks, bonds, and so forth, and $9,311.34 in checking accounts. Thus we see that the six states that report their thrift club work have a total in savings and investments of $792,661.52.

You may be interested to know that national recognition is now being sought at the hands of the Congress of the United States. A Bill known as Senate Bill 2113 was introduced into the United States Senate by Senator Smith of South Carolina on November 14. This Bill has for its purpose the granting of a federal charter to the Future Farmers of America. The Bill has been referred to the Committee on Agriculture in the Senate. Nothing has been done about this Bill in the House, because the House has not been in session as you know. It is my honest conviction that the Congress of the United States will place its stamp of approval upon this boys organization in this way. This federal charter will not be obtained without a considerable amount of effort, however. The American Bar Association has been trying to obtain a federal charter for about seven years and without satisfactory results. The Congress is pretty well sold to the idea that no more federal charters will be issued to corporations and organizations for the sake of more prestige. If it can be proven, however, that the Future Farmers of America is an organization which is effectually aiding in the carrying out of the spirit of the federal laws for the promotion of vocational agriculture, the Congress will, in all probability, grant a charter at the present session of Congress.

Among the projects that the national organization is sponsoring during the current year, a handbook or manual is perhaps as important as anything else. The material for this manual has been assembled and after careful revision of the material a manual will be printed which will make for uniformity all over the country, so far as ritual, constitution and by-laws, colors and the like are concerned. Two publishers of agricultural magazines have asked to be allowed to publish a national magazine for boys to be known as the "Future Farmers Magazine". While we believe that a national magazine is a thing greatly to be desired there is no tendency on the part of the Board of

Trustees to rush headlong into such a project. This matter, however, will probably be settled at the next annual congress.

Some of the things that the Future Farmers are tyring to do involve the expenditure of money. The Budget Committee has indorsed a budget which calls for the expenditure of $4100.00 for the current year. While this amount may appear excessive, it is pitably small when we consider the vast expenditure of funds being made by such organizations as the 4-H Club, the Boy Scouts of America and so forth. Some of the individual state organizations have a Future Farmer budget almost as large as the national budget. If the work of the organization is to be carried out and the recommendations of the committee on program of work are to be followed, it will be necessary for us to have at least 40,000 paid up members during the current school session.

The most encouraging thing about this young organization is the recent development of leadership on the part of the boys and the boy officers. All signs point to the fact that the membership of the Future Farmers of America, with the advice of teachers or state administrators, is able to steer this organization along the path that leads to a broader view of rural life, and increased ability to carry the burdens of rural leadership, as well as increased efficiency in farming. Last, but not least, the warm spirit of cooperation engendered by members of this organization will, I believe, lead to more hearty cooperation in adult life.

Motion made, seconded and carried to accept preceding report as read

Continuation of State Reports after New Jersey

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn at 11:45 A.M.

MEETING OF THE DELEGATES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL CONGRESS

Called to order by President Applegate at 2:25 P.M.

Motion made, seconded and carried to accept Nominating Committee report without further nominations

General call for introduction to nominees. Response by all nominees

Motion made, seconded and carried to cast unanimous ballot for officers as nominated

Dr. Lane introduced Mr.E.P.Taylor of Chicago, Editor of the Agricultural Leaders' Digest, who gave a short talk

Mr. Taylor stated that his conception of the Future Farmers organization is that it is the bridge that connects club work and adult farm organizations such as the Farm Bureau. "The Future Farmers of America have adopted a uniform plan and a uniform name that means something all over this country. You have a trade-mark that stands for a real commodity," he said.

Report of the following states followed:

Ohio	South Dakota	West Virginia
Oklahoma	Tennessee	
Pennsylvania	Texas	
South Carolina	Utah	

Report of individual chapters from the following states:

Ohio
Oklahoma
Tennessee
Texas
West Virginia

This concluded state and chapter reports

H. O. Sampson spoke on

"How to Succeed in Future Farmer Work":

The answer is W-O-R-K.

The most effective work can be done in local chapters.

Study the aims and purposes of the F.F.A. and work each one.

1. Promote vocational education in agriculture

Educators agree that our vocational education program is sound. Therefore, don't be afraid to promote it.

Tell incoming freshmen about its advantages.

Entertain 8th grade boys at some function - a corn judging contest - a project tour - an "ag" basketball game.

Have a committee from your chapter go with the agricultural teacher when he visits 8th grade classes to explain the work of the agricultural department.

Write articles on agriculture for your local newspapers.

2. Create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.

Secure reports dealing with the agricultural economics of your state and local community and study them to determine why certain types of farming are more profitable than others.

Find out the trends of agriculture in your state and discuss the effect of these trends on the type of farming that you should follow.

Hold debates and discussions on agricultural possibilities in your community.

Make a survey of farming in your community and try to determine which types of farming are most profitable.

3. Create and nurture a love of country life.

Hold chapter picnics and other out-door meetings.

Visit some of the best farm homes in your vicinity and determine why they are the best.

(Mr.Sampson's speech cont.)

Attend Grange meetings and try to determine why Grangers like to live in the country.

Get interested in the rural life about you.

4. Encourage recreational and educational activities.

Hold chapter field meets, etc.

Stage competitive games with other chapters.

Stage public speaking contests, etc., with other chapters.

Make your chapter meetings educational.

Put yourselves on the programs to discuss educational topics.

Occassionally secure the services of some good educational lecturer for your programs.

5. Promote thrift.

Establish a thrift bank in every chapter and see how much money you can save or invest.

Get "thrift" booklets from banks and study them.

Learn to budget your income.

6. Encourage cooperative effort.

Establish some local cooperative organization in each chapter.

Study all cooperatives in your neighborhood in an effort to learn their advantages. (Frequently you can make use of such organizations in your project work).

Collect books and bulletins on agricultural cooperation and study them.

Hold discussions at chapter meetings on the subject of cooperation.

7. Strengthen the confidence of the farm boy in himself and his work.

Learn to do things for yourselves.

Try to beat your dads at farm work.

Take an active part in chapter meetings.

Appear on school programs.

Try to win the highest degree in the F.F.A.

8. Promote scholarship.

Tuesday November 19 cont.

(Mr.Sampson's speech cont.)

See that the agricultural group has the highest scholarship in your school.

9. Develop rural leadership

Study the qualities of leadership in others and determine that you will cultivate these qualities in yourselves.

Secure books on "leadership" and study them.

Other ways to make local chapters effective

Formulate a good program of work and work it.

Hold Parents and Sons meetings and strive for 100% attendance.

Try for all prizes offered for F.F.A. chapters.

Publish a "Future Farmer" paper.

Boost project work among your members.

Learn the ritual for opening and closing meetings and initiating candidates.

Cooperate with your local grange and other such organizations.

Get into the business of farming on your own account.

Let every person in your community know that the F.F.A. is a live organization of live boys.

Short session of yells by new yell leader

Motion made and seconded for new Board of Trustees to set budget as they saw fit. Motion was not carried.

Presentation of proposed budget by Alvin Reiner:

July 1, 1929 ----- June 30, 1930

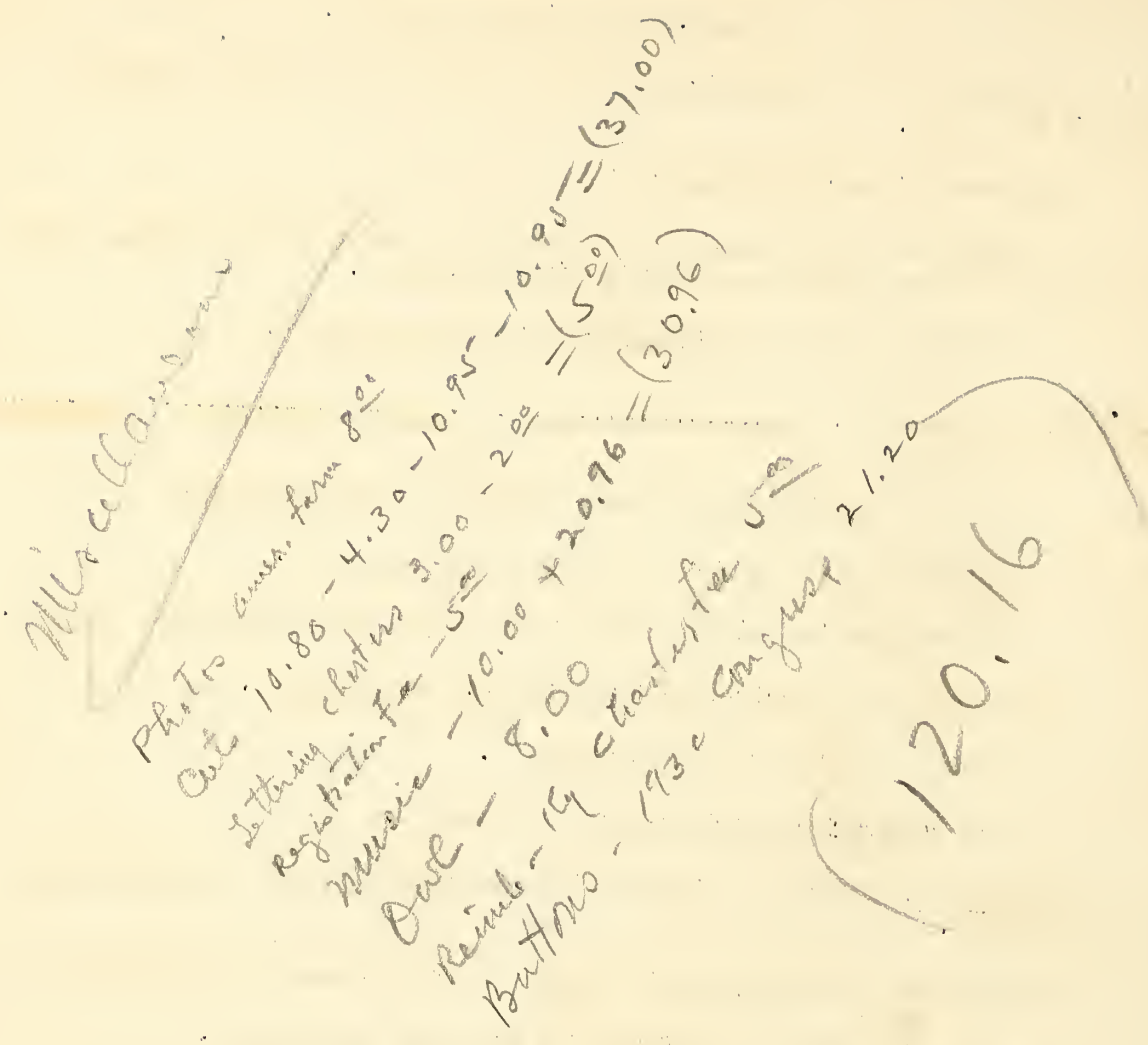
Salaries:

Half-time Executive Secretary..... ~~$2000.00~~ (3800.00)

Half-time stenographer..... ~~480.00~~ 40.40 40-40-40-40-40-50-50

Travel:

For use of officers (President, Student Secretary and Executive Secretary)..... ~~600.00~~ (635.57)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Photos assn. farm 8.00
Oil 10.80 - 4.30 - 10.95 - 10.90 = (37.00)
Lettering clothes 3.00 - 2.00 = (5.00)
Registration fee - 5.00
Insurance - 10.00 + 20.96 = (30.96)
Dues - 8.00
Rental - 14 chairs for use
Buttons - 193 engrave 21.20
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(Budget cont.)

Office:	
Stamps, stationery, printing, telegrams, telephone, etc.....	$200.00
Office equipment (Mimeograph, files).....	100.00
Handbook:	
Printing and distribution.....	500.00
Keys.....	220.00
Total	$4100.00

Motion made, seconded and carried that the budget be accepted as read.

Motion made, seconded and carried to place national dues for 1929-1930 at ten cents per member

Motion made to accept old gold and national blue for standard national F.F.A. colors. Motion seconded. V to lost 20 - 18

Longthy discussion

Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt old gold and national blue as standard, national F.F.A. colors. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Henry of South Dakota, member of the Federal Board was introduced by Dr. C. H. Lane. Mr. Henry spoke of the future possibilities of our organization

Introduction of State Supervisors and Directors from various states. Each received hearty applause

Further immediate announcements

Motion made, seconded and carried to have proposition of National F.F.A. magazine put before new Board of Trustees, and authorized to act accordingly

Motion made, seconded and carried to give new Board of Trustees authority to make suitable resolutions to put through the Act in Congress. (Senate Bill 2113)

New Officers installed

Acceptance speech by each officer

Adjournment by motion

The Present Status of the Future Farmers of America

The Future Farmers of America, an organization for students who are taking vocational agriculture, celebrated its first birthday at Kansas City during November. During the first twelve months of the life of this national organization thirty-five state organizations of Future Farmers have affiliated themselves with this new national organization. I know that five other states have organizations that are contemplating affiliation within the next few months. The geographical scope of the organization can be visualized to some extent when I tell you that a glance at a map of the United States shows such states as New Jersey and Oregon members of this young Future Farmer movement. California and South Carolina boys meet at the national congress and discuss problems in common. Boys from New York State and boys from Florida were at Kansas City as qualified delegates representing their state organizations.

The membership is now approximately 30,000. This membership will be materially increased during the current school year. I say this because Supervisors of Agricultural Education are constantly writing me and reporting increases in membership. The state of Illinois alone will have a paid up membership of 4,000 this year. The growth of this organization has been very gratifying during the first twelve months of its existence.

The fact that there has been such a tremendous growth shows that there was a need for such an organization. I have letters on file from State Directors, State Supervisors, Teacher Trainers, Instructors and students of Vocational Agriculture certifying to the worth-whileness of the Future Farmer movement. Some men of good judgment go so far as to say that this organization is doing more to motivate good work on the part of students and teachers than any other device that we now have. There is a tremendous amount of enthusiasm in the United States which is being crystallized and used through the directed activities of the Future Farmers of America.

The organization has received its fair share of attention at the hands of newspapers, magazines and other periodicals. A publicity committee consisting of three outstanding educators has functioned smoothly during the past twelve months and will continue to do so during the coming year. The Farm Journal of Philadelphia has been favorably impressed with our organization and awarded prizes aggregating one thousand dollars to the three best chapters in the United States during the Kansas City convention in November. The Weekly Kansas City Star awarded a one thousand dollar scholarship to the outstanding candidate for the Fourth Degree as well as cash prizes to boys in states surrounding Kansas City. The insignia of the Future Farmers of America is coming to be a familiar thing in the pages of our agricultural papers and magazines. Somehow the people who are publishing these periodicals feel that the catch phrase "Future Farmers" registers somewhat better than "Students of Vocational Agriculture". People who are not particularly interested in the program of vocational education know what the Future Farmers of America are trying to do; namely, make Future Farmers of themselves.

You may be interested to know that national recognition is now being sought at the hands of the Congress of the United States. A Bill known as Senate Bill 2113 was introduced into the United States Senate by Senator Smith of South Carolina on November 14th. This Bill has for its purpose the granting of a Federal Charter to the Future Farmers of

America. The Bill has been referred to the Committee on Agriculture in the Senate. Nothing has been done about this Bill in the House because the House has not been in session as you know. It is my honest conviction that the Congress of the United States will place its stamp of approval upon this boys organization in this way. This Federal Charter will not be obtained without a considerable amount of effort, however. The American Bar Association has been trying to obtain a federal charter for about seven years and without satisfactory results. The Congress is pretty well sold to the idea that no more federal charters will be issued to corporations and organizations for the sake of more prestige. If it can be proven, however, that the Future Farmers of America is an organization which is effectually aiding in the carrying out of the spirit of the federal laws for the promotion of vocational agriculture the Congress will, in all probability, grant a charter at the present session of Congress. Those of us who are directly concerned with this movement should make every honest effort to acquaint our senators and congressmen with what we are trying to do and convince them that such legislation as is contemplated comes under the head of Farm Relief of the highest type. You will be notified from time to time concerning the progress of this Bill in Congress. I sincerely trust that the same cooperative spirit that prevailed while the George-Reed Bill was pending will be manifest during the coming winter. If all of you and the students, teachers and farmers that you represent will back this measure, and this fact is known to our law making body there is a fair chance for the Future Farmers of America to receive something that the shrewdest lawyers of the United States have been unable to obtain for the American Bar Association.

That there must be live local chapters of Future Farmers in all states, and that these chapters must cooperate in order to insure the success of the local, state and national organizations goes without saying. There must also be a national clearing house for ideas and suggestions originating in local and state chapters. There must be a linking up of the cooperative effort of all the states. For that reason there must be national headquarters. At the present time Dr.Lane of the Federal Board is the National Adviser for the organization and I am its Executive Secretary. We are the only two men who hold offices in the national organization. Dr. Lane acts in an advisory capacity and I carry out the will of the thirty thousand members as expressed through their delegates to the national congress. It is interesting to note that there was a difference of opinion among the advisers who attended the Second Annual Congress at Kansas City as to whether a paid executive secretary should be employed by the boys or whether this service should be furnished by the Federal Board. The majority of the boys felt that they could express themselves better and be subsidized to a lesser degree by placing in the budget provision for the salary of a half-time executive secretary. They claimed that theirs is a boys organization and that they want to run it themselves with all of the advice and assistance that can be obtained from state and national advisers. They felt that the subsidy should end there. On the other hand several advisers feel that the Federal Board should furnish the same service to the national organization that the State Boards of Education furnish to state organizations. This is a matter of policy which should be thought out carefully and settled definitely and finally. I am under the impression that a committee has been appointed by the President of the Future Farmers of America to study this question and other questions relating to policies of the Future Farmers. The report of this committee will undoubtedly clarify

the present situation in the minds of the boy members and state advisers.

Among the projects that the national organization is sponsoring during the current year, a hand book or manual is perhaps as important as anything else. The material for this manual has been assembled and after careful revision of the material a manual will be printed which will make for uniformity all over the country, so far as ritual, constitution and by-laws, colors and the like are concerned. Two publishers of Agricultural magazines have asked to be allowed to publish a national magazine for boys to be known as the "Future Farmers Magazine". While we believe that a national magazine is a thing greatly to be desired there is no tendency on the part of the Board of Trustees to rush headlong into such a project. This matter, however, will probably be settled at the next annual congress.

I desire to call your attention to a few details that are constantly cropping out in correspondence that I have with State Directors, Supervisors, and Teacher Trainers. First, the colors of the Future Farmers of America are old gold and blue. These colors were adopted in November. Second, the insignia of the organization is composed of an owl, a plow, and a rising sun within a cross section of an ear of corn. This cross section of an ear of corn is surmounted by the American eagle. This emblem has been copyrighted, but may be used by any state or local organization that has been duly chartered. I note that a number of state organizations are not using an emblem surmounted by the eagle. Although this appears to be a small matter may I, at the risk of being accused of quibbling, ask that all of you obtain cuts of the proper emblem and use it to the exclusion of all other emblems. These cuts may be obtained from national headquarters and without charge.

A number of things that I have mentioned here mean the expenditure of funds. The national organization has adopted a budget which calls for the expenditure of $4100 for the current year. While this amount may appear excessive, it is pitably small when we consider the vast expenditure of funds being made by such organizations as the 4-H Clubs, the Boy Scouts of America, and so forth. Virginia alone has a state expenditure of $2900 per year. The national budget previously mentioned covers the cost of a half-time executive secretary, stenographic help, stationery and stamps, certain office equipment, printing, and the travel to and from the national congress of the president, boy secretary and executive secretary. Naturally such items as delegates badges, fourth degree keys and such incidentals as are connected with the annual congress are set up in the budget also. Since national dues have been set at 10¢ per member, based on a membership as of January 1st 1930, and payable prior to July 1st, 1930 it behooves each state adviser to see that the dues for his state are collected and sent in to national headquarters in a lump sum.

In order to acquaint you with what the national organization is trying to do during the current year I am reading the report of the committee on program of work, which report was adopted at Kansas City on November the 20th.

Report of the Committee on Program of Work

Philip Alampi, New Jersey - Chairman

The committee has set the following goals to be accomplished by the National Chapter of F.F.A. during the school year 1929-1930:

1. Encourage and help unorganized and recently organized States perfect state organizations.

2. Have every state in the union become affiliated with the National Chapter of F.F.A. and charters be granted to them.

3. Encourage and promote a national oratorical contest at the annual congress of Future Farmers.

4. Encourage and foster national judging contests, such as dairy, fat stock, poultry, fruit, and grain.

5. Encourage each state to publish a periodical and exchange these with other states. These should be published at least quarterly.

6. Work out a ritual for use in local, state and national chapters, and have the executive secretary send such information out.

7. Provide through the National Congress of Vocational Agricultural Students larger opportunities for the development of leadership and for giving national recognition to the outstanding achievements of the Future Farmers of the different states according to the qualifications set up in the constitution.

8. Have at least 85% of state chapters with thrift clubs.

9. Provide, through the National Congress of Vocational Agricultural Students, awards and prizes to be awarded at the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show for work in vocational agriculture.

10. Encourage and foster within the state chapters interscholastic athletic contests.

11. Publish a national hand book.

12. Encourage each state to stage cooperative movements among its local chapters.

13. Encourage all the state chapters to have state exhibits at the different National Judging contests, and American Royal Livestock and Horse Show.

14. Each state should provide some state wide recreational activity.

15. Have each state chapter foster a movement whereby all vocational agriculture students make it their duty to help better the conditions around the farm.

16. Have at least 50 candidates for the American Farmer degree from the various states at the Third Annual Congress in November 1930.

SECOND ANNUAL CONGRESS OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

KANSAS CITY, MO.
(Headquarters, Baltimore Hotel)

November 18th, 19th, 20th - 1929

- Program -

Monday, November 18th -	2:00 P.M.	Meeting of State Advisers
	5:00 P.M.	Meeting National Board of Trustees
	7:30 P.M.	Meeting Future Farmers of America
		(1) Call to order by President
		(2) Report of Credentials Committee
		(3) Nominations for American Farmer Degree Dr. C. H. Lane
		(4) Response by candidates - one minute speeches
		(5) Appointment of committees
Tuesday, November 19th -	9:00 A.M.	Meeting Future Farmers of America - Baltimore Hotel
		(1) Reports of Work in States, including work of outstanding chapter - Delegates
		(2) Report of Executive Secretary
		(3) Report of Committee on program of work
		(4) Report of Auditing Committee
		(5) Report of Nominating Committee
		(6) How to Succeed in Future Farmer Work - H.O. Sampson
		(7) Election of American Farmers
	2:00 P.M.	(1) Address - Member Farm Board
		(2) Election and Installation of National Officers
		(3) New Business
	6:00 P.M.	Buffet Supper
	8:00 P.M.	Parade in arena and radio broadcasting of winners of Kansas City Star and Farm Journal Contests
Wednesday, November 20th -	9:00 A.M.	Meeting New Board of Trustees
	9:00 A.M.	Sightseeing Tour Kansas City
	6:30 P.M.	Banquet for teams, coaches, delegates and guests.
		Award of judging prizes.
		Award of keys.

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September 10, 1929.

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Arkansas

Virginia

New Jersey

California

South Carolina

Nebraska

Alabama

Wyoming

Maryland

Georgia

Nevada

West Virginia

Ohio

Colorado

Kansas

Idaho

North Carolina

Indiana

Utah

Illinois

Wisconsin

Iowa

Hawaii

(Tennessee and New York may come in)

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